

MICHAEL OWENS, On Behalf of Himself and All Others Similarly Situated,	)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:07-cv-00166 (ODS)
Plaintiffs,	)	
v.	)	
NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC., W. LANCE ANDERSON, SCOTT F. HARTMAN and GREG METZ,	)	CLASS ACTION
Defendants.	)	
ROBERT W. BOYD, III, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	)	Case No. 4:07-cv-00139 (ODS)
Plaintiffs,	)	
v.	)	
NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC., SCOTT F. HARTMAN, W. LANCE ANDERSON and GREGORY S. METZ,	)	
Defendants.	)	
GARY M. TANNER, On Behalf of Himself and All Others Similarly Situated,	)	Case No. 4:07-cv-00147 (ODS)
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	
NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC., SCOTT F. HARTMAN, W. LANCE ANDERSON and GREGORY S. METZ,	)	
Defendants.	)	

ALAN JAMES BIMA, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	)	Case No. 4:07-cv-00170 (ODS)
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC., SCOTT F. HARTMAN, W. LANCE ANDERSON and GREGORY S. METZ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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LEE M. EIDSON, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	)	Case No. 4:07-cv-00175 (ODS)
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC., SCOTT F. HARTMAN, W. LANCE ANDERSON and GREGORY S. METZ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	
JACK F. DUNBAR, On Behalf of Himself and All Others Similarly Situated,	)	Case No. 4:07-cv-00176 (ODS)
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC., SCOTT F. HARTMAN, W. LANCE ANDERSON and GREGORY S. METZ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	
DURSTON WINESBURG, On Behalf of Himself and All Others Similarly Situated,	)	Case No. 4:07-cv-00202 (ODS)
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC., SCOTT F. HARTMAN, W. LANCE ANDERSON and GREGORY S. METZ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	

JAMES E. MURPHY, On Behalf of Himself and All Others Similarly Situated,	)	Case No. 4:07-cv-00282 (ODS)
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC., W. LANCE ANDERSON, SCOTT F. HARTMAN and GREG METZ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	

**THE BROWN GROUP'S RESPONSE TO THE COMPETING MOTIONS FOR  
CONSOLIDATION, APPOINTMENT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF AND APPROVAL OF  
LEAD PLAINTIFF'S SELECTION OF LEAD COUNSEL**

**TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:**

Having reviewed the competing motions for appointment of lead plaintiff and for approval of counsel, lead plaintiff movants Joshua Brown, Merri-Jo Hillaker, Charles & Lois McComb, and William Weakley (collectively the "Brown Group"), do not oppose the motion of Dr. Kevin Lester, who appears to have the largest claimed financial interest of all the lead plaintiff movants in this litigation and otherwise appears to meet the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B)(iii).

The Brown Group remains willing to serve, however, if, for any reason, those movants who appear to have a larger financial interest are found to be inadequate as lead plaintiffs or class representatives, or are otherwise disqualified.

Dated: May 10, 2007

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on May 10, 2007, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system, which sent notification of such filing.

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Susan F. Meagher